

IS HEAVEN BORING?

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A statement has been made - "Perhaps Heaven will be boring. I don't want to sit on a cloud and play a harp forever."

I have gathered some information from various sources which might be helpful.

Heaven will not be boring, for those there want to be there. Boredom is one of the forms of pain that is no more. My tongue will never tire of chanting with the heavenly choir, "May Jesus Christ Be Praised."

Heaven will not be boring because human selfishness, which contributes to boredom, will be removed. In Heaven God is central and man is separated from his earthly habits of desire and complaining about the most minor irritations. We'll have all we need.

Heaven will not be boring, for the human body in its glorified form will not, as now, be subject to fatigue, bodily aches, weariness and drowsiness.

We shall be delivered from being bores as well as from being sinners. The biggest cause of boredom is often that the bored project their boredom.

Heaven will not be boring because of length of time, and it will not be noticed. Meetings will not break up, and time will be endless.

Here on the aside I would like to comment. We sing, "When the trumpet of the Lord shall sound and time shall be no more." That is not correct biblically, at least as I understand it. In Revelation 10:6 in the King James version it says, "And time will be no more." But the word "time" there refers to a period of time and not to time forever. For example, I can say there was a time when I could play football, but I can't any more. There was a period of time when I could play, but I can't any more. The newer Bible versions properly translate that passage, "And delay shall be no more." As far as I can see, time will never end. The word for "eternity" in the Greek is "into the ages of the ages." But that will not be boring.

Heaven will not be boring because musically Heaven will be the epitomy of a new song (Revelation 5:9; 14:3; and 15:3), and a new song is the best song, for it is Jesus being extolled above every name.

My sin, oh the bliss of that glorious thought;
My sin, not in part, but the whole
Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more;
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, oh my soul.

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In addition, the Lord will restore lost vocal chords and create a new capacity to respond to the Holy Spirit. Harmony will result because Christ rearranges us so that we can sing a new song.

There the song is never ended, there the praise
will never cease.

There the sorrows and afflictions will be lost
in tranquil peace.

Never ceasing, we shall praise our God above.

Heaven will not be boring because "His servants shall serve," that is, carry out duties for Him (Revelation 22:3.) In Heaven our capabilities will be greatly increased in a new body like His glorious resurrection body (I John 3:2; Philip-
pians 3:21.) Who can imagine what joy will be involved in serving our Savior, whatever is involved, in whatever assignment, wherever in the universe.

Besides all this, the man in a wheelchair for years will want to run. The blind lady will want to enjoy seeing her loved ones. The one who appreciates beauty will revel in Heaven's glory. The one who loves the Bible will ask Paul and Isaiah many questions. There is growth and knowledge in Heaven, you know.

I personally will experience again the happiness of sitting for a long time with my dad, even without saying a word, as we sometimes used to do. And who wouldn't want to see his mother, who dedicated him to the Lord before he was born and prayed for him until he came to faith, and afterwards, too.

You, dear believer, could make this list much longer in your future expectations of enjoyment in Heaven.

Just think of stepping on shore, and finding it
Heaven,

Of touching a hand, and finding it God's,
Of breathing new air, and finding it celestial,
Of waking up in Glory, and finding it home.

Bored? Never and never. Amen and amen.